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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GILL et al.

Application No.: 10/041,786

Group No.: 2652

Filed: 01/07/2002

For: SHIELDED EXTRAORDINARY MAGNETORESISTANCE HEAD

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
  - i. Prior to abandonment of the application

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is:

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An amendment

**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).**

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 770.00

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY					
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA						ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	24	-	24	=	0	x \$	18.00	= \$ 0.00
INDEP.	7	-	7	=	0	x \$	86.00	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$	290.00	= \$	0.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE					\$		\$	0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

**TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$770.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00

Total Fee(s) Due: \$770.00

**PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Charge Account 50-2587(Order No. SJO92001O227US1 the sum of \$770.00.

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 50-2587 (Order No. SJO92001O227US1).

**INVENTORSHIP**

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.



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